

Northaw Newsround

Friday 23 January 2026

Reading without reflecting is like eating without digesting – Edmund Burke

Head's Lines

January can be a miserable month for some, following the excitement of Christmas, and the torrential weather this week does not help, but nothing seems to knock the children's enthusiasm for learning and playing, even with the field now out of bounds.

It was great to welcome several parents and carers of pupils in Oak to school on Monday afternoon. Changing the teaching team during the year can be a tricky business, but we have sought to minimise the inevitable disruption, the children are clearly thriving in the revitalised and positive atmosphere, and Mr Herbert and I will continue working closely as learning accelerates.

Our value in focus this half term is courage, the ability to do something that you know is difficult or dangerous. Pupils across the school have been reflecting in RE on this line from the Bible (Psalm 31:24), 'Be strong and take heart'. To learn new skills and make new discoveries, we need to go beyond what is familiar and already within our grasp. We may need to be courageous and risk failure – but failure will help us to know how to be successful next time.

Dr James Inglis
Headteacher

This half term, our value in focus is **courage**.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

There is a prayer box near the signing-in point for parents – a group share requests confidentially. Our Reflection Champions maintain a prayer tree for pupils. They have written this prayer for us this week:

Dear God,

Thank you it has been dry enough to play outside. May everyone be brave in supporting their friends.

Amen

The headteacher has chosen this scripture for us this week:

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13

Loving for today,
Learning for tomorrow,
Forever in faith



GOING FOR GOLD

Attendance Matters

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Acorns**.

Five-Star Fashion

Iommi

Louis K

House Credits

Narnia	23
Neverland	57
Oz	47
Wonderland	36

Mind Your Manners

Arthur W

Rex

Noah

6Rs Stars

ACORNS

Sol

APPLES & PEARS

Beatrice

Sienna

WILLOW

Callie

Christian

OAK

Yianna-Rose

Louis

Thank You For The Music

Nyah

Times Tables Rock Stars

Year 4 had the highest average number of correct answers in Battle of the Bands this week.

Upcoming Events

2 February

The N Factor nominations made

3 February

Stay & Learn

3 February

Open after school (Oak)

4 February

Class Council

4 February

Open after school (Willow)

5 February

Open after school (Apples & Pears)

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Online Safety

The House of Commons ordered a report to be printed in May 2024, raising concerns about the impact of screen time on education and wellbeing.



A survey published in The Times in September 2025 indicates a 'fifth of parents regret giving their child a smartphone when they did'.



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Dr Inglis' Brain Training

What can be measured but cannot actually be seen?



Answer: Time